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Applicant : Chauvin *et al.*
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continuation of USSN
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For : RUBBER COMPOSITION WHICH IS FREE OF CARCINOGENIC
NITROSAMINE PRECURSOR AND SERVES AS CONNECTING
RUBBER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

November 24, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 5, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/505,121. Also enclosed is a petition to extend time for two months and the required fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2). Prior to the examination of this application, please make the following amendments and remarks of record.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.